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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b>		
Address to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231	Application No.	09/706,307
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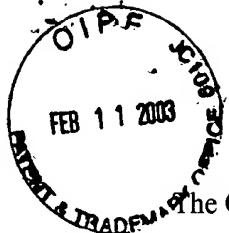
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2002. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-21, drawn to a heart support structure
- Group II: Claims 22-25, drawn to a method of energy transfer; or
- Group III: Claims 26-31, drawn to a device for transferring energy,

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-21, without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

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